

Dear FCC:

We are very concerned that you are considering further relaxing the rules that have allowed large corporations to consolidate ownership of various types of media outlets. As control of the media falls into fewer and fewer hands, it becomes increasingly more difficult to get alternative viewpoints heard and our democracy is in serious danger of becoming an oligarchy with only those with ownership of the media being able to get their voices heard and their candidates elected. While corporate lobbyists push for you to relax rules concerning cross ownership of newspaper and broadcast media, national broadcast ownership caps, local radio ownership caps, the duopoly rule and the dual network rule, we urge you to remember that you are supposed to represent the people of this country, not those few corporations and individuals with the most money to purchase your attention. This country is coming dangerously close to fulfilling the predictions in 1984 and other similar "science fiction," with people getting all their news from a single source of heavily censored information. That is not what this country stands for, and we urge you to remember that when you exercise your delegated authority.

Sincerely,

Sue & Hansel Kern